Supply of sub standard items to consumers by Super Bazar

*227. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to collusion between certain officers of the Super Bazar and the suppliers of various items, sub standard items are supplied to the Super Bazar;

(b) whether any investigation has been made into the affairs;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the results achieved; and

(d) the steps taken to stop the malpractice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c) During the last two years two complaints were received about supply of sub-standard items in Super Bazar.

Complaints pertained to supply of sub-standard quality of Handloom Dusters by M/s. New Central Handloom Cooperative Society. The goods in question were returned to the supplier and further purchases from the supplier have been discontinued. The Manager Incharge was shifted from Handloom Department. His explanation is under examination.

The other case peratins to supply of sub-standard Capsule B-Complex Forte by M/s. Brown Pharmaceuticals Ltd. In this case also the goods in stocks were returned to the supplier and further purchases have been discontinued. The vigilance Department of Super Bazar conducted enquiry and the report is under examination.

(d) Super Bazar is dealing in large number of merchandise. There is a prescribed procedure for purchase and checking of goods ordered. Whenever a complaint regarding quality comes to notice, necessary action is initiated.

Delhi fair price shops without essential commodities

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SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Fair Price Shops in Delhi where essential commodities wert not available during each of the last six months and the reasons thereof; and

(b) the steps being taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) The specified food articles were available at all Fair Price Shops during each of the last six months except the following fair price shops:-

F.P.S. No.	Period	Non-availability of commodity
3246	January-June, 1992	Rice
3246	April,-June 1992	Wheat
4799	April,-June, 1992	Rice
4799	May-June, 1992	Wheat
3101	April, 1992	Wheat & Rice

FPS Holder Nos. 3246 and 4799 failed to deposit the Demand Draft for supply of commodities mentioned above on the ground that the fair price shops being located in rural area,